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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please substitute the claims with the following amended claims:

- 3. (Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said output means is a reproduction means for reproducing selected image information to order.
- 6. (Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus as claims in Claim 1, wherein said image information includes respective information such as a recording date, a recording day, recording start time, and data source information, and wherein said selection means selects image information consistent with said recording start time of said selected image information and said data source information.

9. (Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said predetermined rule is such that each of a date and a recording start time at the time of recording is listed in order starting from a previous time.

Please add the following new claims.

- 10. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said output means is a reproduction means for reproducing selected image information to order.
- 11. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claims in Claim 2, wherein said image information includes respective information such as a recording date, a recording day, recording start time, and data source information, and wherein said selection means selects image information consistent with said recording start time of said selected image information and said data source information.
- 12. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claims in Claim 3, wherein said image information includes respective information such as a recording date, a recording day, recording start time, and data source information, and wherein said selection means selects image information consistent with said recording start time of said selected image information and said data source information.
- 13. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claims in Claim 4, wherein said image information includes respective information such as a recording date, a recording day, recording start time, and data source information, and wherein said selection means selects image information consistent with said recording start time of said selected image information and said data source information.
- 14. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said image information includes respective information such as a recording date, a recording day, recording start time, and data source information, and wherein said selection means selects image information consistent with said recording start time of said selected image information and said data source information.

- 15. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said predetermined rule is such that each of a date and a recording start time at the time of recording is listed in order starting from a previous time.
- 16. A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said predetermined rule is such that each of a date and a recording start time at the time of recording is listed in order starting from a previous time.